1 Gerald D. Lane Jr., CA # 352470 E-mail: gerald@jibraellaw.com 2 The Law Offices of Jibrael S. Hindi 1515 NE 26th Street 3 Wilton Manors, FL 33305 4 Phone: (754) 444-7539 5 Counsel for Plaintiff 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 7 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 EDDIE MOSES, Case No.: 10 individually and on behalf of all those 11 similarly situated, **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND** 12 Plaintiff, JURY DEMAND 13 VS. 14 MILLIONAIRE MEDIA LLC, 15 Defendant. 16 17 **CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT** 18 Plaintiff Eddie Moses ("Plaintiff") brings this class action against Millionaire Media 19 20 LLC ("Defendant") and alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to Plaintiff and 21 Plaintiff's own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, 22 including investigation conducted by Plaintiff's attorneys. 23 PRELIMINARY STATEMENT 24 1. Telemarketing calls are intrusive. A great many people object to these calls, 25 26 which interfere with their lives, tie up their phone lines, and cause confusion and disruption on 27 phone records. Faced with growing public criticism of abusive telephone marketing practices, 28

Congress enacted the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991. Pub. L. No. 102-243, 105

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Stat. 2394 (1991) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 227) (the "TCPA"). As Congress explained, the law was a response to Americans 'outraged over the proliferation of intrusive, nuisance calls to their homes from telemarketers' *id.* § 2(6), and sought to strike a balance between '[i]ndividuals' privacy rights, public safety interests, and commercial freedoms' *id.* § 2(9).

- 2. The TCPA affords special protections for people who, like Plaintiff, request to be placed on a company's internal do not call list. Specifically, the TCPA provides that each person who receives more than one call on their cell phone after requesting to be placed on the company's internal do not call list is entitled to recover a penalty of up to \$500 per call, and up to \$1,500 per call if the TCPA is willfully or knowingly violated.
- 3. Additionally, the TCPA affords special protections for people who, like Plaintiff, received marketing calls before the hour of 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. (local time at the called party's location). Specifically, the TCPA provides that each person who receives more than one call on their cell phone during these violative hours is entitled to recover a penalty of up to \$500 per call, and up to \$1,500 per call if the TCPA is willfully or knowingly violated.
- 4. The problem with receiving unwanted telemarketing communications is a problem that most people in this country, like Plaintiff, frequently face. For example, in 2024 alone, approximately 52.8 billion robocalls were placed in the United States. RobocallIndex.com, YouMail Robocall Index, https://robocallindex.com/history/time (last visited January 6, 2025). The private right of enforcement of the TCPA is critical to stopping the proliferation of these unwanted telemarketing calls. For example, while the Federal Communications Commission levied over \$200 million in penalties against telemarketers between 2015 and 2018, it collected less than \$7,000 of that amount. See Sarah Krouse, The FCC Has Fined Robocallers \$208 Million. It's Collected \$6,790, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL,

March 28, 2019, https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-fcc-has-fined-robocallers-208-million-its-collected-6-790 11553770803.

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NATURE OF THE CLAIM

- 5. This is a putative class action brought pursuant to the TCPA.
- 6. To promote its goods, services, and/or properties, Defendant engages in unsolicited text messaging and continues to text message consumers after they have opted out of Defendant's solicitations. Defendant also engages in telemarketing without the required policies and procedures, and training of its personnel engaged in telemarketing. Defendant also engages in telemarketing text messages at unlawful times.
- 7. Through this action, Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief to halt Defendant's unlawful conduct, which has resulted in the intrusion upon seclusion, invasion of privacy, harassment, aggravation, and disruption of the daily life of Plaintiff and class members. Plaintiff also seeks statutory damages on behalf of Plaintiff and class members, and any other available legal or equitable remedies.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

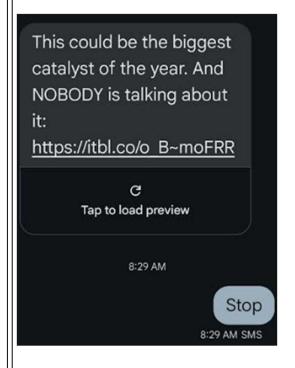
- 8. This Court has federal question subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as the action arises under the TCPA.
- 9. The Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant and venue is proper in this District because Defendant directs, markets, and provides its business activities to this District, and because Defendant's unauthorized marketing scheme was directed by Defendant to consumers in this District. Additionally, Plaintiff's telephone number has an area code that specifically coincides with locations in California.

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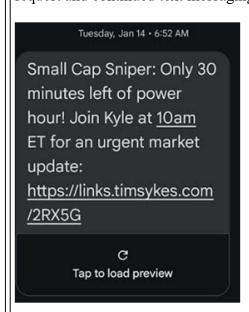
- 10. Plaintiff is a natural person entitled to bring this action under the TCPA, and a citizen and resident of Alameda County, California.
- 11. Defendant is a limited liability company with its headquarters located in Miami, Florida.
- 12. Unless otherwise indicated, the use of Defendant's name in this Complaint includes all agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, vendors, and insurers of Defendant.

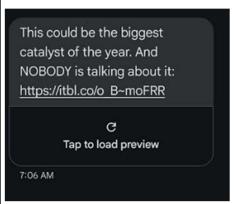
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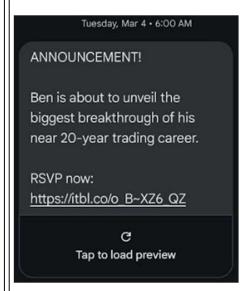
13. On or about January 6, 2025, labeled "8:29 AM", Plaintiff requested to opt-out of Defendant's text messages by replying with a stop instruction as reflected by the following screenshot:



14. Between January 14, 2025, and March 4, 2025, Defendant ignored Plaintiff's request and continued text messaging Plaintiff, as demonstrated by the following screenshots:







- 15. Overall, Defendant sent Plaintiff approximately thirty (30) marketing text messages after Plaintiff's initial stop request. Approximately twenty-nine (29) of these violative messages were sent to Plaintiff before the hour of 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. (local time in Plaintiff's location).
- 16. As demonstrated by the above screenshots, the purpose of Defendant's text messages was to solicit the sale of consumer goods, services, and/or properties.
- 17. As demonstrated by the above screenshots, the purpose of Defendant's text messages was to advertise, promote, and/or market Defendant's goods, services, and/or properties.
- 18. As demonstrated by the above screenshots, Defendant does not honor consumer requests to opt-out of text message solicitations. Indeed, Plaintiff attempted to opt-out of Defendant's text message solicitations by telling Defendant not to contact them anymore, but Defendant continued to text message Plaintiff.
- 19. Defendant's refusal to honor Plaintiff's opt-out requests demonstrates that Defendant has not instituted procedures for maintaining a list of persons who request not to receive text messages from Defendant. The precise details regarding its lack of requisite policies and procedures are solely within Defendant's knowledge and control.
- 20. Defendant's refusal to honor Plaintiff's opt-out requests demonstrates that Defendant does not provide training to its personnel engaged in telemarketing. The precise details regarding its lack of training are solely within Defendant's knowledge and control.
- 21. Defendant's refusal to honor Plaintiff's opt-out requests demonstrates that Defendant does not maintain a standalone do-not-call list. The precise details regarding its lack of training are solely within Defendant's knowledge and control.

- 22. Defendant did not maintain the required procedures for handling and processing opt-out requests prior to the initiation of the violative text messages it sent to Plaintiff as reflected by the fact that Plaintiff made at least one opt-out request and that request was never processed; it was ignored by Defendant and its employees and Defendant continued to send text messages.
 - 23. Defendant sent at least two solicitations after Plaintiff's first opt-out request.
- 24. Plaintiff is the regular user of the telephone number that received the above text message solicitations.
- 25. Plaintiff utilizes the cellular telephone number that received Defendant's telephone solicitations for personal purposes and the number is Plaintiff's residential telephone line and primary means of reaching Plaintiff at home.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Defendant has access to outbound transmission reports for all text messages sent advertising/promoting its services and goods. These reports show the dates, times, target telephone numbers, and content of each message sent to Plaintiff and class members. Defendant also has access to text message logs showing Plaintiff's and class members' inbound opt-out requests.
- 27. Defendant's text messages caused Plaintiff and class members harm, including statutory damages, inconvenience, invasion of privacy, aggravation, annoyance, and violation of their statutory privacy rights.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

PROPOSED CLASS

28. Plaintiff brings this case as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, on behalf of Plaintiff and all others similarly situated.

29. Plaintiff brings this case on behalf of the two classes (the "Classes") defined as follows:

IDNC Class: all persons within the United States who, within the four years prior to the filing of this lawsuit through the date of class certification, received two or more text messages within any 12-month period, from or on behalf of Defendant, regarding Defendant's goods, services, or properties, to said person's residential cellular telephone number, *after* communicating to Defendant that they did not wish to receive text messages by replying to the messages with a "stop" or similar opt-out instruction.

Quiet Hours Class: All persons in the United States who from four years prior to the filing of this action through the date of class certification (1) Defendant, or anyone on Defendant's behalf, (2) placed more than one marketing text message within any 12-month period; (3) where such marketing text messages were initiated before the hour of 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. (local time at the called party's location).

- 30. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify the definitions of Classes as warranted as facts are learned in further investigation and discovery.
 - 31. Defendant and its employees or agents are excluded from the Classes.

NUMEROSITY

- 32. Plaintiff does not know the exact number of members of the Classes but is informed and believes that there are at least 50 individuals that fall within each class definition given Defendant's use of automated robotexts to solicit consumers at unlawful hours and refusal to honor stop requests. The members of the Classes, therefore, are believed to be so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- 33. The exact number and identities of the members of the Classes are unknown at this time and can only be ascertained through discovery. Identification of the members of the Classes is a matter capable of ministerial determination from Defendant's call records.

COMMON QUESTIONS OF LAW AND FACT

- 34. There are numerous questions of law and fact common to members of the Classes which predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Classes. Among the questions of law and fact common to the members of the Classes are:
 - a. Whether Defendant sent text messages to Plaintiff and the members of the Classes;
 - b. Whether Defendant continued to send text message solicitations after opt-out requests;
 - c. Whether Defendant failed to honor Plaintiff's and the members of the Classes opt-out requests;
 - d. Whether Defendant implemented the requisite training of personnel under section 64.1200;
 - e. Whether Defendant maintains an internal do-not-call list and instructs its employees on how to use the list;
 - f. Whether Defendant maintains the required policies and procedures under section 64.1200;
 - g. Whether Defendant initiated solicitation text messages to Plaintiff and members of the Classes before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m.; and
 - h. Whether Defendant is liable for damages, and the amount of such damages.
- 35. The common questions in this case are capable of having common answers, and Plaintiff and the members of the Classes will have identical claims capable of being efficiently adjudicated and administered in this case.

TYPICALITY

36. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Classes, as they are all based on the same factual and legal theories.

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PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF THE CLASS MEMBERS

37. Plaintiff is a representative who will fully and adequately assert and protect the interests of the Classes and has retained competent counsel. Accordingly, Plaintiff is an adequate representative and will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes.

PROCEEDING VIA CLASS ACTION IS SUPERIOR AND ADVISABLE

- 38. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this lawsuit, because individual litigation of the claims of all members of the Classes is economically unfeasible and procedurally impracticable. While the aggregate damages sustained by the members of the Classes are in the millions of dollars, the individual damages incurred by each member of the Classes resulting from Defendant's wrongful conduct are too small to warrant the expense of individual lawsuits. The likelihood of individual members of the Classes prosecuting their own separate claims is remote, and, even if every member of the Classes could afford individual litigation, the court system would be unduly burdened by individual litigation of such cases.
- 39. The prosecution of separate actions by members of the Classes would create a risk of establishing inconsistent rulings and/or incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. For example, one court might enjoin Defendant from performing the challenged acts, whereas another may not. Additionally, individual actions may be dispositive of the interests of the Classes, although certain class members are not parties to such actions.

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COUNT I

VIOLATION OF 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) and 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d)

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the IDNC Class)

- 40. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the foregoing allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 39 as if fully set forth herein.
 - 41. In pertinent part, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) provides:

No person or entity shall initiate any call for telemarketing purposes to a residential telephone subscriber unless such person or entity has instituted procedures for maintaining a list of persons who request not to receive telemarketing calls made by or on behalf of that person or entity. The procedures instituted must meet the following minimum standards:

- (1) Written policy. Persons or entities making calls for telemarketing purposes must have a written policy, available upon demand, for maintaining a do-not-call list.
- (2) Training of personnel engaged in telemarketing. Personnel engaged in any aspect of telemarketing must be informed and trained in the existence and use of the do-not-call list.
- (3) Recording, disclosure of do-not-call requests. If a person or entity making a call for telemarketing purposes (or on whose behalf such a call is made) receives a request from a residential telephone subscriber not to receive calls from that person or entity, the person or entity must record the request and place the subscriber's name, if provided, and telephone number on the do-not-call list at the time the request is made. Persons or entities making calls for telemarketing purposes (or on whose behalf such calls are made) must honor a residential subscriber's do-not-call request within a reasonable time from the date such request is made. This period may not exceed thirty days from the date of such request. If such requests are recorded or maintained by a party other than the person or entity on whose behalf the telemarketing call is made, the person or entity on whose behalf the telemarketing call is made will be liable for any failures to honor the do-not-call request. A person or entity making a call

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for telemarketing purposes must obtain a consumer's prior express permission to share or forward the consumer's request not to be called to a party other than the person or entity on whose behalf a telemarketing call is made or an affiliated entity.

- 42. Under 47 C.F.R § 64.1200(e), the rules set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) are applicable to any person or entity making telephone solicitations or telemarketing calls to wireless telephone numbers.
- 43. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class Members are residential telephone subscribers who received more than one text message made for purposes of telemarketing or solicitation purposes from Defendant, who has failed to implement the requisite procedures and personnel training as demonstrated by its failure to honor opt-out requests.
- 44. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members made requests to Defendant not to receive texts from Defendant.
- 45. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class Members revoked any consent they may have provided Defendant by responding with "stop" or similar opt-out instructions.
- 46. Defendant continued to text message Plaintiff and the IDNC Class Members to harass them into making purchases from Defendant.
- 47. Defendant failed to honor Plaintiff's and the IDNC Class members' opt-out requests.
- 48. Defendant's refusal to honor opt-out requests is indicative of Defendant's failure to implement a written policy for maintaining a do-not-call list and to train its personnel engaged in telemarketing on the existence and use of the do-not-call-list.
- 49. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members are informed and believe that Defendant has not instituted procedures for maintaining a list of persons who request not to receive telemarketing calls or text messages.

- 50. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members are informed and believe that Defendant does not have a written policy, available upon demand, for maintaining a do-not-call list.
- 51. Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members are informed and believe that Defendant does not train its personnel engaged in any aspect of telemarketing in the existence and use of the do-not-call list.
- 52. The details and specific facts regarding Defendant's failure to maintain the required policies and procedures, as well as personnel training, are solely within Defendant's knowledge and possession.
- 53. Defendant has violated 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) by failing to honor opt-out requests, failing to maintain the required policies and procedures, and failing to train its personnel engaged in telemarketing.
- 54. Pursuant to section 227(c)(5) of the TCPA, Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members are entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every negligent violation.
- 55. Pursuant to section 227(c)(5) of the TCPA, Plaintiff and the IDNC Class members are entitled to an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages for each and every knowing or willful violation.

COUNT II

VIOLATIONS OF 47 U.S.C. § 227(c) AND 64.1200(c)(1)

(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Quiet Hours Class)

- 56. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 39 as if fully set forth herein.
- 57. The TCPA's implementing regulation, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(1), provides in pertinent part that "[n]o person or entity shall initiate any telephone solicitation" to "[a]ny

residential telephone subscriber before the hour of 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. (local time at the called party's location)." 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(1).

- 58. Per 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(e), § 64.1200(c) is "applicable to any person or entity making telephone solicitations or telemarketing calls to wireless telephone numbers." 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c).
- 59. Any "person who has received more than one telephone call within any 12-month period by or on behalf of the same entity in violation of the regulations prescribed under this subsection may" may bring a private action based on a violation of said regulations, which were promulgated to protect telephone subscribers' privacy rights to avoid receiving telephone solicitations to which they object. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c).
- 60. Defendant violated 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(c)(1) by initiating telephone solicitations to telephone subscribers such as Plaintiff and the Quiet Hours Class members before the hour of 8 a.m. or after the hour of 9 p.m. (local time at the called party's location).
- 61. Pursuant to Section 227(c)(5) of the TCPA, Plaintiff and the Quiet Hours Class members are entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every negligent violation. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).
- 62. Pursuant to Section 227(c)(5) of the TCPA, Plaintiff and the Quiet Hours Class members are entitled to an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages for each and every knowing or willful violation. 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Class, prays for the following relief:

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- a) An order certifying this case as a class action on behalf of the Classes as defined above, and appointing Plaintiff as the representative of the Classes and Plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel;
- b) An award of statutory damages for Plaintiff and each member of the Classes as applicable under the TCPA;
- c) An order declaring that Defendant's actions, as set out above, violate the TCPA;
- d) An injunction requiring Defendant to comply with 47 C.F.R. § 64.1200(d) by (1) maintaining the required written policies; (2) providing training to their personnel engaged in telemarketing; and (3) maintaining a do-not-call list;
- e) An injunction requiring Defendant to comply with 47 C.F.R. 64.1200(c)(1); and
- f) Such further and other relief as the Court deems necessary.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

DOCUMENT PRESERVATION DEMAND

Plaintiff demands that Defendant take affirmative steps to preserve all records, lists, electronic databases or other itemization of telephone numbers associated with Defendant and the text messages as alleged herein.

Dated: March 19, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

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